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SUBJECT.

Liberation of homing pigeon

T.N.Krishnan
4-XII-42.

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From

The D. M. Kolar.

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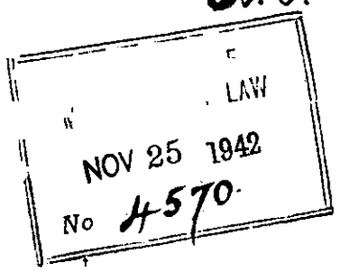

M.J.C. 591/42-43 dt 19th Nov. 42 requiring whether there is any prescribed form for the grant of a permit by the D M under Rule 19(a) of the Defence of India Rules.

There is no prescribed form for the issue of a permit under the rule. The D M Blore has issued such permits. Submit for perusal an order whether a reply may be sent accordingly. Permits may be issued in the terms of the Rule 19A(a)

Vide Collection below

RS 23/XI SG.

Submitted

Law Dept

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Submitted with a draft reply to the D.C. Kolar

RS 26/XI SG.

Sl. 9. Memo 2427/W dt 26th Nov. 42 to the D.M. Kolar

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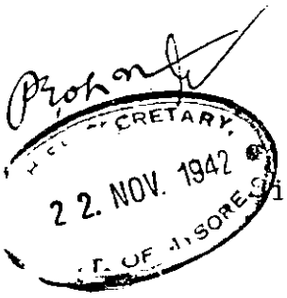
No.P.1.C.591/42-43. Office of the District Magistrate,
Kolar District,
Dated, Kolar the 19th November 1942.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.



Sir,

I have the honour to state, that the Officer Commanding the Kolar Gold Field Bn., A.F.I., has requested the issue of permits for the possession of Pigeons by some of the members of his Battalion and has enclosed a copy of India Army Order No.2346/42 dated 6-10-42 (Copy enclosed) issuing instructions to the Military Personnel in possession of homing or racing pigeons to apply for permits to have such pigeons in their possession.

A copy of the said order, has not been received by this office through our Government and this office is not aware of the form of permit prescribed, if any in this behalf or conditions necessary to be embodied in such a permit. However Rule 19 (a) (Defence of India Rules) provides the issue of a permit by a District Magistrate, but no form is prescribed

I request you therefore to be so good as to send me a copy of a permit if any prescribed or send a sample for adoption in such cases.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Kolar District.

PS.

Copy of India Army Order No.2346/42 dated 6-10-42.

Homing Pigeons.

1. Copies of press communiques and instructions recently issued to the Police forces are shown in annexures A, B & C, to this order.

The conditions of both communiques will apply to all ranks of the Army in India with the following modifications:-

(a) Re Annexure A.
Applications to district Magistrates will be made through commanding officers. In no case will pigeons, privately owned or otherwise, be used to carry private messages.

(b) Re Annexure B.- Second sub-paragraph.
Pigeons found or captured by any member of the Army in India, will be handed in to the individual's own formation/unit or nearest other military formation or unit if circumstances permit. Otherwise, they should be handed in to a police station in which case, the instructions contained in the first sentence of Annexure C will be carried out.

2. Vide Annexure C.- The Military formation or unit receiving a message that has been removed from a captured pigeon, will ensure that the message is opened and read by a responsible commissioned officer, Every effort will then be made to ensure that the message is passed on to the addressee by the quickest possible means (e.g., telephone) with due regard to security. If it is not possible to ascertain for whom the message is intended, or if it is a message in an unknown language, it should be sent by express post together with details of the circumstances in which the message was found, to the Chief of the General staff (D.M.I.).

3. The formation/unit concerned, will then obtain the pigeon, if alive, from the police station in which it is held, and according to such identification marks as it may carry, vide para 4 below, notify Naval H.Q., General H.Q., or Air H.Q., New Delhi, who sill issue further instructions. Unidentifiable pigeons will be destroyed.

4. The fighting service pigeon normally carries on one leg a metal ring bearing identification marks. These are as follows:-

(a) Navy - the initials R.I.N.
(b) Army - first, the last two numbers of the year the pigeon was hatched, secondly a broad arrow followed by a further number.
(c) Air Force - the initials R.A.F. followed by serial numbers, which maybe preceded by letters e.g., "N.U.19(10)".

Annexure 'A' to India Army Order 2346 dated 6th Oct. 1942.

Press Note.

Information to the enemy.

Permits required for homing pigeons.

Lest racing or homing pigeons should be used for communicating information to the enemy, a new Defence of India rule published to-day provides that on or after March 28, 1942 no persons shall have under his control or send messages by any racing or homing pigeon except under the authority of a permit granted by a District Magistrate.

Persons possessing such pigeons will, therefore, have to apply for permits at once to their District Magistrates.

Annexure 'B' to India Army order 2346 dated 6th Oct. 1942.

Press Communique.
Finding of army homing pigeons.

Any member of the general public finding or capturing a pigeon that is in difficulties should examine the bird in order to ascertain whether it is a fighting service or other homing pigeon. Such bird carry a metal identification ring on one leg stamped with various particulars, e.g., the ring on an army pigeon shows first thelast two numbers of the year the bird was hatched, a broad arrow and a further number.

Whatever the mark the bird should be taken, with the least possible delay, and without tampering with any message it may be carrying to the nearest police station. This is obligatory under the Defence of India Rules.

It is, of course, possible that the bird may be carrying a message, but carrying no means at all of identification. In this case also the bird should be taken to the nearest police station.

Annexure 'C' to India Army Order 2346 dated 6th Oct. 1942.

Copy of Government of India, Defence Co-ordination Department, letter No.1302-OR/42, dated 1st June 1942, addressed to all Chief Secretaries (Except Bombay and the Punjab), the Joint Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, the Joint Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Home Department, all Chief Commissioners (except Andaman and Nicobar Islands).

Subject:- Pigeons.

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter No.1302-)R/42, dated the 30th April 1942 on the above subject and to request, if you see no objection, that instructions may be issued to Police Forces on the following lines.-

"In the event of any person handing a message-carrying pigeon into a police station, the name and address of the person, together with particulars of the circumstances in which the pigeon was found, should be recorded in the Police station. Meanwhile, the message carrier, or message should be removed from the bird and forwarded, unopened, immediately to the nearest military formation or unit, together with a note saying that the pigeon (identification particulars to be quoted if bird is carrying identification ring) is being held in the police station pending further instructions. The bird itself should then be carefully fed and watered and kept in a reasonably sheltered and safe place, until instructions are received regarding its disposal. If the bird happens to be damaged or wounded in any way, all possible attempts should be made to render such first aid as is possible. If, however, the bird is hurt beyond all possible chance of recovery, it should be destroyed at once and the Military formation or unit to which the message was sent informed accordingly."

MS.

Copy

Manmohan Singh
for Deputy Commissioner

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Appendix F G—1]

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Signed by Mr. S.K.V.

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Serial No. 9

No. 2427/W dated 26th Nov 1942.

To

The D. M. Kolar

Sir, With reference to your letter no G.I.C. 591/42-43 dt 19th Nov. 42 I am directed to state that there is no prescribed form for the grant of permits under the rule and that permits may be issued in the terms of the rule 19 A (1) (a) of the Defence of India Rules, as applied to Mysore

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for 26/11

for Chief Secretary to Govt

M. 2427/W 49-42-9. 26-11-42.

The District Magistrate,
Kolar District.

With reference to your letter No.Jl.c.591/42-3, dated 19th Nov.'42, I am directed to state that there is no prescribed form for the grant of permits under the rule and that permits may be issued in the terms of rule 19 A(1) (a) of the Defence of India Rules, as applied to Mysore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.